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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION OF OBSERVERS IN TAJIKISTAN

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 94th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1994, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/49/240, para. 2), decided to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session an item entitled: "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Fifth Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/49/854) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/49/868).

3. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 47th, 49th and 50th meetings, on 24, 28 and 29 March 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.47, 49 and 50).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/49/L.42

4. At the 50th meeting, on 29 March 1995, the representative of Ireland introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan" (A/C.5/49/L.42).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.42 without a vote (see para. 6 below).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan for a period of up to six months, subject to proviso that it would continue beyond 6 February 1995 only if the Secretary-General reported to the Council by that date that the parties had agreed to extend the agreement of 17 September 1994, and that they remained committed to an effective cease-fire, national reconciliation and the promotion of democracy,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission of Observers are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission of Observers, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963 in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission of Observers with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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1/ A/49/854.

2/ A/49/868.

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission of Observers in full and on time;

4. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan an amount of 3,251,200 United States dollars gross (3,123,600 dollars net) for the operation of the Mission of Observers from 16 December 1994 to 26 April 1995, inclusive of the amount of 1,759,700 dollars gross (1,711,800 dollars net) authorized under the terms of paragraph 1 (a) of General Assembly resolution 48/229 of 23 December 1993 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1994-1995 and inclusive also of the amount of 651,600 dollars gross (611,600 dollars net) authorized with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions under the terms of section IV, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 49/233 of 23 December 1994;

5. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 3,251,200 dollars gross (3,123,600 dollars net) for the period from 16 December 1994 to 26 April 1995 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, the scale of assessments for the year 1994 3/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 394,100 dollars gross (378,600 dollars net), which is the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the scale of assessments for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 2,857,100 dollars gross (2,745,000 dollars net), for the period from 1 January to 26 April 1995, inclusive;

6. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 127,600 dollars approved for the period from 16 December 1994 to 26 April 1995, inclusive; 15,500 dollars being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994 and the difference, that is, 112,100 dollars. being for the period from 1 January to 26 April 1995, inclusive;

3/ See resolutions 46/221 A and 48/233 A and decision 47/456.

4/ See resolution 49/19 B.

7. Decides to appropriate an amount of 10,044,200 dollars gross (9,547,000 dollars net) for the continued operation of the Mission of Observers for the period from 27 April 1995 to 30 June 1996, to be assessed at the rate of 717,400 dollars gross (681,900 dollars net) per month in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission of Observers beyond the period authorized by the Council in its resolution 968 (1994);

8. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission of Observers in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan".